2. Notes on phonology

The phonemes of Takia are:

Table 1. Consonants

		Labial	Alveolar	Velar
Stops	vl	*p*	*t*	*k*
	vd	*b*	*d*	*g*
Fricatives		*f*	*s*	
Nasals		*m*	*n*	*ŋ*
Laterals			*l*	
Trills			*r*	
Semivowels		*w*	*y*	

As noted above, the inland dialects lack /r/, which has merged with /l/.

In the published portions of the Takia Bible, the semivowel /y/ is represented as *j* in accordance with the German-based orthography of the mission *lingua franca* Gedaged. However, *y* is used here, since almost all the younger generation use it as a result of literacy in English and/or Tok Pisin.

Table 2. Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
High	*i*		*u*
Mid	*e*		*o*
Low		*a*	

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